

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to a An ammunition loading assembly (10) is disclosed for loading a projectile (12) into a barrel (14) of a gun, comprising The assembly includes an urging member (16) for urging the projectile (12) into the said barrel (14). The assembly (10) further includes and a drive means (18) for driving the urging member (16) between a projectile receiving position outside the barrel (14) and a projectile delivery position inside the chamber (20) of the gun. The drive means (18) includes a drive chain assembly (22), for driving the urging member (16) between the projectile receiving and delivery positions. The drive chain assembly (22) is rigid in all directions but one, the arrangement being such that the drive chain assembly (22) pushes that moves the urging member (16) from between the projectile receiving position to and the projectile delivery position, so that the projectile is released just before the barrel engraving and engraves on its own momentum and pulls the urging member (16) from the projectile delivery position to the projectile receiving position. The assembly further includes first and second chain-retaining devices (42, 44) for limiting curving of the chain assembly and guiding the chain when moving out of the magazine.